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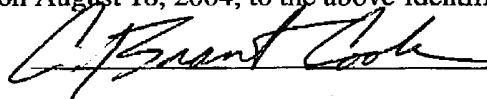
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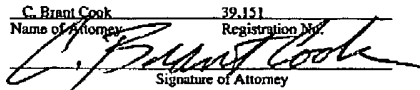
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For Absorbent, Flexible, Structure Comprising Starch Fibers

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2004, Applicants hereby request  
reconsideration of the rejections in light of the following amendments and remarks herein.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 4 of this paper.